

## Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1882.

Sir:

Your communication of November 17<sup>th</sup>, submitting the bids for the delivery to the Philadelphia Mint of porcelain pots, and the previous and subsequent correspondence relating thereto, has been considered by me and I am unable, from the information therein disclosed, to decide whether the lowest bid of Mr. James W. Boyd, at \$14.<sup>50</sup>, ought to be accepted for the whole number that he offers. As at the time of opening the bids his was found to be the lowest I think his offer should

be accepted for the number that the Mint will require within a reasonable time; but I am not advised that your Mint will require the number he named, and it would not be proper to buy in excess of the wants of your Mint upon the expectation that the other Mints would require or purchase them from you.

I therefore have concluded to refer the matter back to you with instructions to consult with the operative officers, especially the Melter and Refiner, and make a formal award upon the bids attested by them, accepting the lowest bid for so many as you and they

are of opinion will be needed for use in  
your Mint, but that you do not purchase  
so large a number as to cause your expenditures  
during the year for parting and refining to  
exceed the net earnings of the year above  
expenditures. When you have made such  
award, submit it for approval.

Very respectfully,  
*Horatio Burchard*  
Director.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,  
Supt. Mint,  
Philadelphia.

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with regard to the purchase  
of Porcelain  
Pots, offered by James  
W. Boyd. ~~General~~  
~~Instructions~~



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[Abstract:] With regard to the purchase of Porcelain Pots... 1136

Treasury Department,  
Bureau of the Mint,  
Washington, D.C.,  
December 8, 1882

Sir.

Your communication of November 7th, submitting the bids for the delivery to the Philadelphia Mint of porcelain pots, and the previous and subsequent correspondence relating thereto, has been considered by me and I am unable, from the information therein disclosed, to decide whether the lowest bid of Mr. James W. Boyd, at \$14.50, ought to be accepted for the whole number that he offers. As at the time of opening the bids his was found to be the lowest I think his offer should be accepted for the number that the Mint will require within a reasonable time; but I am not advised that your Mint will require the number he names, and it would not be proper to buy in excess of the wants of your Mint upon the expectation that the other Mints would require or purchase them from you.

I therefore have concluded to refer the matter back to you with instructions to consult with the operative officers, especially the Melter and Refiner, and make a formal award upon the bids attested by them, accepting the lowest bid for so many as you and they are of opinion will be needed for use in your Mint, but that you do not purchase so large a number as to cause your expenditures during the year for parting and refining to exceed the net earnings of the year above expenditures. When you have made such awards, submit it for approval.

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